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5 A method for acquiring an elongated radiographic image  
comprising: positioning an elongated object between a source of x-rays and a  
digital image capture device having a known imaging dimension which is less  
than a like dimension of said elongated object; moving said device in a direction  
parallel to said known imaging dimension to sequential contiguous positions to  
acquire a sequence of radiographic images of said elongated object; and rotating  
said source of x-rays about an axis perpendicular to said direction of moving said  
device in coordination with said moving project said x-rays from said source  
10 toward said device.

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